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1. In September the headquarters of the North Korean People's Army Air Force was in cliff shelters approximately two miles north of Kiri-mai (125-45, 39-02), P'yongrang city. The commanding officer is Major General WANG Ch'uan¹, a pilot graduate of a Soviet air force school. Construction was still in progress on one of the five shelters which house the headquarters. This work was being done by the 1 Construction Regiment and the 2 Construction Regiment of the North Korean's People's Army. The strength of each regiment is over three thousand men, seventy percent of whom are common criminals and malcontents, with the remainder being men who are unable to serve in the regular armed forces because of physical disabilities.
2. At the beginning of the Korean war, the North Korean Air Force maintained a large training base at Yongp'ung-ni (128-16, 41-09). A United Nations air raid destroyed the field and caused heavy casualties among the first and second term students. The top 25 per cent of the survivors of the first and second term were then sent to the USSR to complete their training. Third and fourth term students at this base were sent to Yenchi (129-31, 42-55), Manchuria, to continue flight training at the newly activated 10 Air Force school which became one of the principal training bases of the North Korean Air Force. The advanced students who had completed their training in the USSR returned to Yenchi and acted as junior instructors in the flight program. Some of these junior instructors have participated in combat flights over North Korea flying a Soviet plane identified as a "Rasiyen."
3. Basic training at the 10 Air Force school consists of ten hours of group instruction each day, with classes in aeronautical engineering flying techniques, communications, and advanced training in radar firing methods. Basic training flights are made in YAK-18's. After completing ten hours of flying time, the student is given advanced training in fighter planes or light bombers. Fighter-bombers of the YAK class are used in advance training flights. These planes are equipped with two 12.7mm machine guns.

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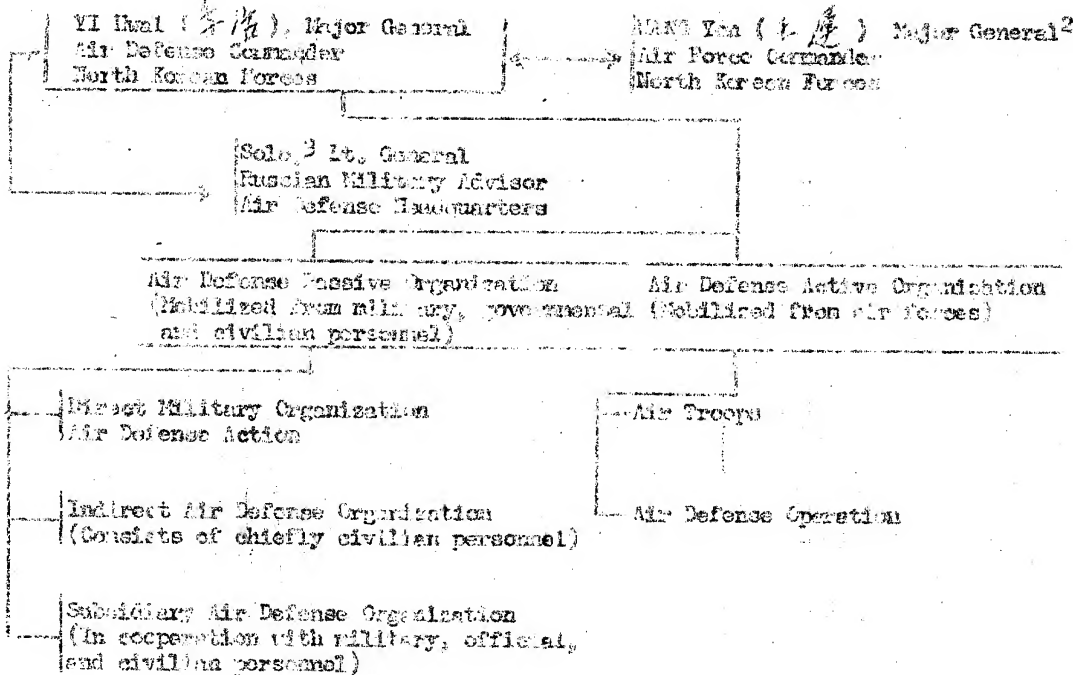
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and one 20mm machine gun. The most promising of the advanced students are given training in Soviet MIG-15's.

4. The air defense organization of the North Korean Communist Forces is as follows:



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5. The functions of these air defense organizations are as follows:

- a. Direct Military Organization - Air Defense Action.
 - (1) To plan and carry out air defense operations.
 - (2) To conceal planes on the ground and guard airfields.
 - (3) To fire against enemy planes, control searchlights, communications etc.
- b. Indirect Air Defense Organization
 - (1) To direct the use of camouflage and cover during enemy air raids.
 - (2) To control the methods of signaling, blackouts, operational environments etc.
 - (3) To direct the suppression of espionage activities during air attacks.
- c. The Subsidiary Air Defense Organization is largely concerned with methods of observation and the establishment of a warning system in air attacks.

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6. About 1,000 planes at Khabarovsk are being used, standing by to attack U.S. naval bases.

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1. ☐ Comment. According to information available to this office, WANG Yon, as in paragraph 4, is the commanding officer of the North Korean Air Force.

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2. ☐ Comment. For further information on WANG see ☐

3. ☐ Comment. The name is given as received.

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